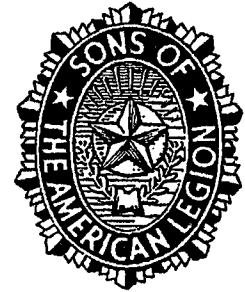


CENTENNIAL POST 209
THE AMERICAN LEGION



"A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS"

OCTOBER 1993

FROM THE COMMANDER
.....FLOYD BUFKIN

This month's General Membership Meeting, on October 21st, will be a very special meeting. One of the things we will be doing is the initiation of members. This is an important ceremony that brings to the initiate the principles and duties of a Legionnaire. I urge all of you who have never been initiated to contact the Adjutant and join with us at the meeting for this occasion.

Also, we will be discussing the future of the post. We are sending a letter to the membership asking for input on their feelings about which direction we should take as regards the post home. As I have stated before, our financial well being continues to be a matter of great concern. We must make some hard decisions soon. I am hoping many of you will attend the meeting and make your views known.

And last but not least, we will be visited by the District Seven Officers at this meeting. This is always a pleasure, and I am sure you will enjoy meeting with these fine Legionnaires.

We must also vote on the dues increase at this meeting so you need to be there.

I hope to see you at the meeting. Please come.

FROM THE JR. VICE COMMANDER
.....HARRY JOHNSON

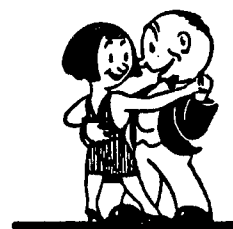
October 30th will be the Harvest Ball and Halloween Costume Party at the Post Home. We will have live music. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume, so come on out in costume and have some fun. The Auxiliary will provide finger food and the Post will provide the Band. The Party begins at 7:00 P.M.

No activities are planned for November.

December 11th WILL be the Children's Christmas Party at the Post Home. The Party will start at 1:00 P.M. Santa will visit and have gifts.

The Christmas Party for adults will be on the 18th. Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. We ask that each person bring a gift for exchange, the cost of which will be not less than \$4.00 and not more than \$5.00. Please indicate whether the package is for male or female on the outside.

We will be serving turkey and dressing, and roast beef and the trimmings. See you there.



POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER	FLOYD BUFKIN
SR VICE COMMANDER	AL CYRIAQUE
JR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	KENNETH ANDERSON
SGT-AT-ARMS	AL LENDER
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	GEORGE CARNES
SERVICE OFFICER	TED RIDDLE
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$20.00

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I
Apr 6, 1917 - Nov 11, 1918
World War II
Dec 7, 1941 - Dec 31, 1946
Korean War
June 25, 1950 - Jan 31, 1955
Vietnam War
Dec 22, 1961 - May 7, 1975
Granada & Lebanon
Aug 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984
Panama
Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990
Persian Gulf
Aug 2, 1990 till end of hostilities

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	BARBARA JOHNSON
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	LOIS EGNOR
SECRETARY	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
TREASURER	PATTI HABAN
HISTORIAN	HILDA PIFER
CHAPLAIN	MARIA SANDOVAL
SGT-AT-ARMS	IREANA CAMPBELL

DUES \$12.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 p.m.
POTLUCK DINNER - 6:00 p.m.

EDITORS

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ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - Ann Foster

Thanks to those who have renewed since last month. We did make our 50% goal. Currently, we have 253 members with approximately 439 yet to renew. If everyone would go ahead and take care of it, we would meet our goals and exceed last year's membership by 116. Please, help us put this concern behind us, and help yourself by retaining your membership in the largest veteran's organization. New member recruiting needs help also. Last month, we had 16 new members and only increased by four since then. Every veteran deserves the benefits and representation in The American Legion. Just remember to ask and you might be surprised by a positive answer.

The next General Meeting will be 21 October. We need to remind you that we will be conducting an Initiation ceremony for new members and members not previously initiated. This is a meaningful ceremony. If you would like to participate, please call 591-1952 by 18 October so we may have everything ready. We will also have our District Visitation the night of our General Meeting. The District Officers will be making reports on Legion programs so this will be an excellent opportunity to

learn more about how our Post fits into the larger picture.

Since the last Newsletter, I had the good fortune to attend my first National American Legion Convention in Pittsburgh, Penn. We were blessed with wonderful weather and the opportunity to see a beautiful city. I arrived Saturday, 4 Sept, and spent that day getting checked in and doing some sightseeing. Sunday, I attended the Economic Commission meeting which covered employment issues, veterans preference concerns, and other economic matters. I was quite impressed by the work which has been accomplished by the members of this committee.

Next was the very moving Memorial Service at 11:00 A.M. After lunch, we formed up for the Convention Parade that afternoon. Due to our excellence in membership, we were able to be near the front, and presented a nice appearance in the Colorado vests Commander June Thomas designed for us. Monday, I attended the POW/MIA update. It was very educational. The most charismatic speaker was Dr. Stephen Morris, the Harvard researcher who found a document in Moscow archives which confirmed POWs not returned to us.

In the afternoon, the Colorado delegation hosted its share of the Four Corners party. Tuesday through Thursday noon constituted the main agenda of convention. All committee reports were given, a number of awards presented, several addresses given and the election and installation of National officers took place.

For me, the most moving addresses were given by the Honorable Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Daryl Collins, 1993 Boys Nation President; and Cedric Ollison, First Place Winner National Oratorical Contest.

For those who are wondering, the resolution to raise national dues did pass. I did bring back a number of informative articles, etc., from convention and will be putting all of that into a notebook which you may review at anytime.

HE'S ONE OF OURS!!!

Scott D. Wilkinson, Rampart High School Class of 1990, Post #209's representative to 1989 Boys' State and 1989 Colorado Representative to Boys' Nation has been selected as the Cadet Battalion Commander of the Paul Revere Battalion at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.), within the U. S. Army First ROTC Region. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Wilkinson is a senior at Harvard University where he is a Bio-Medical Engineering major, and is cross-enrolled at M.I.T. for the purpose of completing the Army ROTC pre-commissioning program. During the summer of 1993, Wilkinson completed the Army ROTC Advanced Camp at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, where he received the highest ratings and is ranked among the top ten percent of all cadets in the United States. Scott, who is Airborne and Air Assault qualified, is now into the Medical School application process. Upon commissioning, and with further education at medical school, he hopes to serve his country practicing medicine as a physician in the United States Army.

Scott's younger brother, Keith, represented Post 209 at the 1991 Boys State.

Scott's father, Don Wilkinson, states that Post 209 sponsorship of his son to Boys State was one of many leadership opportunities which helped to mold his son into a future leader. Attendance at Boys' Nation was "icing on the cake."

AUXILIARY NEWS

BARBARA JOHNSON - PRESIDENT

We had an informative meeting in September. I wish more of you would attend our General Membership meetings. This is where we decide what we want to accomplish in the coming months.

We need to make some money so we can do the things we have always done for our Veterans and the Children and Youth of our community. We need your ideas and your help.

We had a successful bake sale in September and plan another one on November 14. Please plan on bringing something to be sold and you may find a delicious item to add to your Sunday dinner.

At our meeting on October 21, we will have Initiation. Any member who has not been initiated is invited to attend. This is an impressive ceremony during which you receive your Auxiliary pin. Come and join us. We look forward to meeting you.

This meeting will also be the visitation of District 7 officers.

On October 2, our Post 209 and Post 38 of Security will hold a Flag Disposal Ceremony at Post 38 in Security, 11:00 A.M. This is a most impressive ceremony ... come and watch.

October 6 - Executive Meeting. We will have rehearsal for the initiation. All Past Presidents are asked to attend.

October 8-10 - Leader Training in Denver.

October 21 - Regular Meeting - Initiation and District 7 visitation.

October 30 - Florence Nursing Home Birthday Party. The Veterans look forward to these. Come and help

out. We are to be there at 2:00.
October 30 - This night is Harvest Ball and Costume Party. This is always fun and there will be a band for dancing. Please bring snacks.
November 3 - Executive Meeting
November 5 - Veterans Day Parade
November 11 - Veterans Day - Ceremony in Memorial Park
November 14 - Bake Sale
November 18 - Regular Meeting - Potluck.

MEMBERSHIP - DOT DASSERO

Renewals continue to dribble in. Thanks to all you who have sent yours. To those of you who have not done so, please take a few minutes and write out a check and send it to me or drop it off at the Post. It's important that we meet our goals as set by Department and National. It would be really neat to be the first unit in the District to reach our 100% goal. Last year, Manitou Springs Unit 39 had that honor.



Salon 422 of the 8&40 will hold a potluck supper on October 18. This will be at 6:30 P.M. instead of the usual 7:30 meeting schedule. The occasion is the official visitation of Le Chapeau Departemental Betty Andrews.

CLUB NEWS

I want to thank all members who have made the month of September a success! The Labor Day cook-out and the catfish fry on Sunday, September 12th produced a good display of support.

As fall begins, let's not forget that the General Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21st. The main course will be provided by the Post. All Post and Auxiliary members are encouraged to bring a covered dish or dessert. Dinner starts at 6:00 P.M. There will be NO breakfast on October 10th or October 31st. However, there will be a steak fry on October 10th and on October 24th, there will be a cookout (menu to be posted in Post Home Lounge).

Please be aware that you might notice a slight increase in food and drink prices because of increased market prices and operational costs. We have no alternative. Thank you all for your patronage. You, as members, are the ones who make this work.

Jocko, Club Manager

As soon as you know your new address, mail this card to all of the people, businesses, and publications who send you mail.

For publications, tape an old address label over name and old address sections and complete new address.

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PS Form 3576, November 1990

RECEIVER: Be sure to record the above new address.





HARVEST BALL
30 OCTOBER 1993

7:00 P.M.

POST HOME

DANCE TO
BECKY SUE & MITCH
COME IN COSTUME
ENJOY THE FUN
PRIZES AND
SURPRISES

SEE YOU THERE



**SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**DELEGATES APPROVE
DUES INCREASE.
STARTING 10 JAN 94
DUES ARE SCHEDULED
TO GO \$25.00 A YEAR.**




**RENEW YOUR DUES
NOW TO BEAT THE
INCREASE.**

**CHECKOUT
PERMANENT
MEMBERSHIP**

October 1993

CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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3	4	5	6  7:00pm EXEC MTG	7	8 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE DENVER HILTON SOUTH 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	9 LEADERSHIP
10 LEADERSHIP	11  Columbus Day (Observed) 8:00pm 40/8 MTG	12	13 7:00pm GUN CLUB MTG	14 7:00pm GIRL SCOUT TRNG MTG	15 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	16 9:30am WAC MEETING 6:30pm Model Railroad Club Anniversary Party
17	18 7:30pm 8 & 40 MTG THIS MONTH POTLUCK 6:30	19	20	21 INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS 12:00VA SATELLITE CLINIC LUNCH 6:00pm GEN MTG POTLUCK	22 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	23
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November 1993

CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

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1	2 Election Day	3  7:00pm EXEC MTG	4	5 6:30pm VETERANS PARADE 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	6 6:00pm DEPT. CDR. HOMECOMING POST 18 SECURITY	
7	8 8:00pm 40/8 MTG	9	10 7:00pm GUN CLUB MTG	11  Veterans Day 11:00am VETERANS SERVICES	12 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	13
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For God and Country

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